

## JAPAN NOT SATISFIED

War Spirit Revived by Russia's Reply to Mikado's Demands.

### ELDER STATESMEN ABOUSED.

At Conference Between Them and the Cabinet Decision to Oppose a Strong Front to the Czar Is Made.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito, and the cabinet ministers resulted, according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals.

Another report says it is understood that, although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory, the conference decided to make another and probably last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement.

The situation is considered grave. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

In addition to the Marquis Ito, Field Marshal Yamagata, senior field marshal of the Japanese army and former premier; Count Matsukata, one of the greatest financiers modern Japan has produced and twice premier of Japan; Count Inouye, former Japanese ambassador to Korea and at one time a finance minister of Japan, and the Marquis Oyama, the field marshal who distinguished himself in the war between Japan and China, were among those who took part in the conference.

### London Hears Reassuring News.

London, Dec. 18.—An intimation has been received here in official quarters from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable in its present form and that further negotiations on important questions of principle will be necessary before a final settlement can be reached. Both the Japanese and British officials in London, however, maintain the views they expressed in these dispatches Dec. 14 that a distinct step toward peace has been made, and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate pacific settlement.

### New President of Switzerland.

Berne, Dec. 18.—M. Comte, a member of the bundesrath from Neuchâtel, and M. Ruchet, a member from the canton de Vaud, have been elected respectively president and vice president of Switzerland for 1904.

The Weather.  
Fair and not so cold; fresh winds, mostly westerly.

Always Remember the Full Name  
**Laxative Bromo Quinine**  
Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

**E. H. Brown** on every box, 25c

## MEAKER BROS.

SATURDAY PRICES ONLY.

Three pounds of Sour Pickles for..... 25c  
Two pounds of Mixed Sweet Pickles for.... 25c  
Two pounds of Mixed Sour Pickles for..... 25c  
Two cans of Salmon for..... 25c  
Three pounds of Codfish for..... 20c  
Heinz Baked Beans, two cans for..... 18c

Choice Western Beef, Native Pork, Lamb and Veal, Chicken and Fowls, Oysters and Vegetables of all kinds. Special low prices on all Cut Meats Saturday night.

### MEAKER BROS.,

Successors to  
M. W. Scribner,  
Tomasi Block, - - North Main St.

### The Highest Market Prices

PAID FOR

## Hides, Skins and Pelts.

Prime Beef Hides, - 6 1/4c per pound  
Dairy Skins, - - 25c to 75c each  
Wool Pelts, - - 40c to \$1.25 each

### PECK BROS.,

Main Street, - - Montpelier, Vt.

### THE

American Fidelity Co.,

MONTPELIER, VT.,

## SURETY BONDS

ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

J. W. DILLON,

Barre, Vt.,

C. H. BIGLOW

East Brookfield,

Agents.

### TO SUCCEED PROCTOR.

President Chosen General Black For Civil Service Commission.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The president has tendered the position of civil service commissioner, made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor, to General John C. Black of Chicago. General Black is commander in chief of the Grand Army.

General Black is a well known lawyer of Chicago. He is a Democrat and was commissioner of pensions under President Cleveland's first administration. He was a member of congress at large from Illinois from 1893 to 1895 and was appointed by President Cleveland in 1895 United States district attorney for the northern district of Illinois.



GENERAL JOHN C. BLACK.  
In the campaign of 1896 he was a Gold Democrat. In recognition of this fact President McKinley reappointed him United States district attorney. He served in that position until 1899. General Black was elected commander in chief of the G. A. R. at the convention in San Francisco last spring. He entered the Union army in the civil war as a private and left it a brigadier general. He was sergeant major of General Lew Wallace's regiment, the Eleventh Indiana. He is now sixty-four years old. He was born in Pennsylvania.

### CUBAN BILL SIGNED.

Europeans Seek to Profit by Its Passage.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The president has signed the Cuban reciprocity bill. Now that the bill has become a law a question of great interest has arisen—namely, the effect of the reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar upon importations of sugar from other countries. The British government has served formal notice upon the state department that, under the favored nation clause, it expects that British sugar from the British West Indies shall be admitted into the United States on equal terms with Cuban sugar, and it is not doubted that Germany, France, Austria and the other great beet sugar producing countries will do likewise. An old holding of Attorney General Olney, in President Cleveland's administration, was adverse to such demands, but the question promises to be reopened with vigor.

### Attarian Still in Alexandretta.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—The American vice consul at Alexandretta telegraphs that Attarian, the naturalized American whose arrest caused Consul Davis to leave Alexandretta and protest against his treatment by the local authorities, has declined the transportation tendered him by the authorities until the latter refund him the cash seized at the time of his arrest. The sum of \$2,500 was found on the person of Attarian at the time of his arrest. The fact that he had this money in his possession and that he was classed as a revolutionist is said to have led the Turkish authorities to decide upon taking him into custody.

### FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Quotations of the New York Stock Exchange.

New York, Dec. 17.  
Money on call steady at 5 1/2 per cent.  
Merchandise paper 6 per cent.  
Exchange, \$20,557,121; balances, \$7,558,939.

Closing prices:  
Amal. Copper, 47 1/2; N. Y. Central, 115 1/2; Atchafson, 67 1/2; Norf. & West., 57 1/2; B. & O., 73 1/2; Penn. R. R., 113 1/2; Reading, 40 1/2; Rock Island, 35 1/2; C. & O., 31 1/2; St. Paul, 141 1/2; Ches. & Ohio, 33 1/2; Southern Ry., 20 1/2; Erie, 20 1/2; Gen. Electric, 109 1/2; Southern Ry. pf., 77 1/2; Illinois Com. & Sugar, 125 1/2; Lackawanna, 25 1/2; Texas Pacific, 24 1/2; Louis. & Nash, 106 1/2; Union Pacific, 73 1/2; Manhattan, 141 1/2; U. S. Steel, 109 1/2; Metropolitan, 121 1/2; U. S. Steel pf., 52 1/2; Missouri Pac., 29 1/2; West. Union, 37 1/2.

### General Markets.

New York, Dec. 17.  
FLOUR—Dull, but steady at old prices; Minnesota patents, \$4.50-4.75; winter straight, \$4.40; winter extras, \$4.35; winter patents, \$4.45.  
WHEAT—Opened firmer on bullish Argentine news and small northwest receipts, but later gave way under realizing; May, \$1.05 1/2-1.06; July, \$1.04 1/2-1.05.  
RYE—Steady; state and Jersey, \$1.05-1.06; No. 2 western, \$1.04; f. o. b., about.  
CORN—Fairly active and stronger on the statistical position, good cables and bull support; May, 49 1/2-50.  
OATS—Nominal; track, white, state, \$1.05; track, white, western, \$1.06.  
PORK—Easy; mess, \$12.75-13.00; family, \$13.50-14.00.  
LARD—Easy; prime western steam, \$6.50.  
BUTTER—Unsettled; extra creamery, 24c; creamery, common to choice, 15c-20c.  
CHEESE—Quiet; state, full cream, fancy, small, colored, September, 12c; late made, 10c; small white, September, 12c; late made, 10c; large colored, September, 12c; late made, 10c; large white, September, 12c; late made, 10c.  
EGGS—Strong; state and Pennsylvania nearby average finest, 30c; state and Pennsylvania seconds to firsts, 28c-30c; western firsts, 30c; western seconds and firsts, 28c-30c.  
SUGAR—Raw firm; fair refining, 34c; centrifugal, 36 test, 35c; refined steady; crushed, 1 1/2c; powdered, 4 1/2c.  
TURPENTINE—Quiet at 52c-53c.  
MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 12 1/2c.  
RICE—Quiet; domestic, \$1.05-1.10; Japan, nominal.

## Views of Barre and Vicinity.

Over 50 Views in Booklet Form!  
Photo Calendars and Supplies!  
Photographs from 10c to 50c!

We are headquarters for the above goods. We also have a large and well-selected line of goods kept in a first-class Jewelry Store. Call and let us show you the goods.

O. J. Dodge, Jeweler and Optician,

Quinlen Building, North Main St., - - Barre, Vermont.

## Holly and Holly Wreaths!

We shall have a good supply of nice HOLLY this Christmas season, so leave your order early. Also nice PALMS and FLOWERING PLANTS suitable for Christmas presents. CUT FLOWERS at reasonable prices always on hand. DESIGN WORK a specialty. Hours, same as other stores. Sundays, 8 to 12.

EMSLIE the Florist,

Tel. Calls—Store, 152-12; Greenhouse, 201-11. OTIS BLOCK, PEARL STREET.

## CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS

NOBBY SLIPPERS,  
COMFORT SLIPPERS.

ALL STYLES, ALL SIZES.

THE TIME TO BUY,  
THE PLACE TO BUY.

Badger, McLean & Co.,

Where Price Fits Quality,

131 North Main Street, - - Barre, Vermont.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Don't delay your sittings for Holiday Photographs.  
Now is the time if you want them for Christmas.

Shores & Kenerson, National Bank Building,  
Barre, Vermont.

## Grocery Bargains!

Ready Bits, two packages for..... 25c  
Power, 10c per package or three packages for..... 25c  
Shredded Wheat, per package..... 12c  
Tea and Sauer Oats..... 30c  
None-Such Mince Meat, three packages for..... 25c  
Fancy Raisins, per pound..... 15c  
Seeded Raisins, per pound..... 12c

M. J. McGOWAN,

Telephone Connection. South Main Street, Barre, Vt.

## Union Men, Attention!

When doing your holiday shopping kindly patronize UNION STORES. They display the Union Store Card. Also buy from Union Clerks. They wear the Union Button. The Button is of blue celluloid with the words "Union Clerk" and the letters "R. C. I. P. A." Respectfully,  
R. C. I. P. A., LOCAL 241.

## Saturday Bargains for Spot Cash

Fresh Tripe, per pound..... 8c  
Hind Legs of Mutton, per pound..... 16c  
Fore Legs of Mutton, per pound..... 12c  
Beef or Pork Sausage, per pound, 12c, or three pounds for..... 30c  
A good Beef Steak, per pound..... 16c  
Pork Roasts, per pound..... 11c to 13c  
Home Cured Smoked Hams, per pound..... 14c  
Western Beef Roasts, per pound..... 12 to 16c  
Home Rendered Lard, per pound..... 12c  
Boss Mince Meat, per pound..... 10c  
Mutton Chops, per pound..... 16c

Chickens and Fowls at the lowest market prices.  
Special prices on all Cut Meats Saturday night.

CHESSER & BIRD,

(TELEPHONE CONNECTION)

323 North Main Street. Meats and Groceries.

### Mother and Babies Burned.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Henry L. Smith and her two children—Harry, aged three years, and Albert, aged three months—were burned to death by a fire which occurred in their home at Oaklane, a suburb. They were asleep when the fire started. Mrs. Elizabeth Shellmire was badly burned while endeavoring to awaken them. The cause of the fire is unknown.

### Mary, Queen of Scots.

When the executioner lifted the head of Mary, queen of Scots, by the hair to show to the spectators it fell from his hands. The hair was false.

### Mrs. James B. Angell Dead.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 18.—Mrs. James B. Angell, wife of the president of the University of Michigan, has died at her residence here of pneumonia after a very brief illness. The university was closed out of respect for her memory and the president's bereavement and will not be reopened until after the holidays. Mrs. Angell resided over the American legation at Peking, China, while Mr. Angell was United States minister to that country. She was also a prominent member of the women's board of the World's fair at Chicago.

## MURDERER YIELDS.

Slayer of Long Island Deputy Surrenders to Besieging posse.

### IS NOW IN RIVERHEAD JAIL.

Fall of Shot, but Not Seriously Wounded—An All Night Campaign Results in Victory For Sheriff.

Riverhead, Dec. 18.—Torn by gunshot wounds and exhausted by a long vigil in his shattered home, A. Tutill Reeves, the mad murderer of Deputy Sheriff Rufford, surrendered to a besieging posse.

Reeves, standing at a window, had offered an excellent target for volleys of shot, and squads from front and rear had begun to close in on him. Opening his kitchen door, the murderer stepped out, unarmed, before his enraged neighbors and threw up both his hands in sign of giving up the unequal contest. Men rushed at him from all sides, but ceased their firing. Deputy Sheriff Gordon went up to Reeves and declared him a legal prisoner.

Sheriff Henry H. Preston, to whom Reeves was turned over, had a physician attend him at once. It was found that the demented farmer's head, arms and body were pierced in many places by shot fired during the siege. None of the wounds, however, is serious.

As soon as it had been determined that the murderer's wounds were not dangerous he was bundled into a wagon and started for Riverhead jail in charge of a squad of six armed men. The prisoner offered no resistance on the way there. At the jail Reeves was placed in a cell, and Dr. A. E. Payne was sent for. He said the wounds were from bird shot and that Reeves would recover soon.

### Cannot Be Induced to Talk.

Reeves cannot be induced to talk about the shooting. He mumbles to himself and occasionally groans, but all the efforts of the sheriff have failed to elicit any statement from him. Messieurs to have him committed to a sanitarium were under way when the tragedy occurred. Drs. J. H. Benjamin and H. H. Young had been asked to examine Reeves by the executors of his father's estate, and the examination was soon to have been made.

Coroner Peterson began his inquest in the county supervisors' office. Reeves was brought from the jail. His head was bandaged and his face was deadly pale, but he walked firmly and did not appear to be suffering. District Attorney Smith assisted the coroner.

The charge—murder in the first degree—was read, and the coroner asked Reeves if he understood the nature of the charge. The man nodded. He was asked whether he desired counsel, and he shook his head. The question was repeated, but he only shook his head. As there appeared no prospect of obtaining any statement, the coroner adjourned the inquest until 11 o'clock next Monday morning. Reeves was led back to his cell.

The murder was the outcome of a judgment for \$104 obtained by Ernest W. Tooker. Rufford was driven to the house by Sheriff Preston, who left him at the door and then drove down the road, as it was cold and the sheriff wanted to keep his horse warm. When he returned he found Rufford lying dead in front of the house.

Sheriff Preston summoned a posse, and a cordon was drawn about the house. The cordon was maintained all night. The besiegers formed the plan of freezing out the murderer and riddling the windows with bullets and showers of stones. It was bitterly cold, but Reeves settled doggedly to stand out the severity of the weather as long as the besiegers.

Every time a window was smashed Reeves would rush to it and discharge his shotgun in the direction from which the shot had been fired. The marksmen kept well under cover, however, and no one was hit. In the morning, when the freezing out had proved a failure, the volley was fired that resulted in the surrender.

### Russian's Exhibit at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—According to advices received at the world's fair headquarters Russia will have the most extensive exhibit which that country has ever made at a foreign exposition. The exhibit space will cover more than 750,000 square feet, which will be occupied by more than 2,500 individual exhibitors. Russia's national pavilion will be constructed on native soil and brought to St. Louis in sections and erected by Russian carpenters.

### Kaiser Goes Hunting.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Emperor William, Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Russian ambassador, Count von Osten-Sacken, and a great following of other notable persons left Berlin for the forest of Goehrde, province of Hanover, on a two days' hunt.

### Depression in Coke Trade.

Scottdale, Pa., Dec. 18.—Contrary to expectation, the depression in the coke trade last week was more pronounced than at any time during the past three months. Instead of the expected improvement nearly 1,000 ovens were blown out and production fell off over 10,000 tons.

Largest variety ladies and gentlemen's stone rings. F. E. Burr & Co.'s.

Go to Perry's store for Christmas slippers and warm foot-wear.

### CHRISTMAS SALE OF PIANOS.

In order to reduce our stock before January 1st we have decided to sell 25 new pianos, the regular price of which is \$800, for \$275 each. These pianos are new—just in from the factory; double veneered inside and out, highly finished in fancy figured mahogany, with stool and scarf—fully warranted for ten years, and will be sold on very easy payments. Send for catalogue, giving full description of style, finish, etc. This is the chance of a life time to buy a strictly first class piano at a large reduction, and on easy terms. Address McKannon & Co., 45 Church street, Burlington, Vt.

As like in:  
looks as:  
peas in a  
pod:  
are  
**Simmons**  
Watch Chains  
and the best  
all gold ones

The only way you can ever tell the difference is in the price—Simmons Chains are very much cheaper.

Odd Spoons and Forks for berries, salad, cheese, cold meat and countless other uses—you will find them here in many handsome patterns and at uniformly moderate prices.

FRED KING,  
JEWELER and OPTICIAN,  
Depot Square, - - Barre, Vt.

## GILBERTSON'S ORCHESTRA

Music Furnished for Any Occasion.

Any number of pieces that are required. For prices, etc., address

W. J. GILBERTSON,  
Telephone 158-3, 12 Laurel Street.

## ORCHESTRA

Miss Tierney,  
Assisted by Wilder's Orchestra.

Will furnish Music for any occasion, with as many pieces as desired. Also

LESSONS ON PIANO AND ORGAN.

For prices, etc., call on or address

BERTHA TIERNEY,  
No. 50 South Main St., - - Barre, Vermont.

## Al. J. Po'win's Orchestra

Furnishes as many pieces as desired. For terms, etc., call or address

56 Maple Ave., Barre, Vt.

## PIANO IN YOUR HOME

By the deal you have saved good money. I have made a little and we rejoice together.

H. A. GOULD,  
TUNER and DEALER,  
56 Spaulding Street, - Barre, Vt.

## THE PARKER School of Music

An elegant "Parker" instrument FREE OF COST. Class now started.

Your choice of a fine Banjo, Mandolin or Guitar, with a full course of

15 LESSONS for \$15.00

These instruments are protected by U. S. patent. Private lessons if desired. Barre, Thursday. Address P. O. Box 400.

### DO YOU WANT THAT

PIANO  
FOR CHRISTMAS? Write to J. F. Donovan, Montpelier. The prices and terms he will give you will be a revelation.

## WANTED.

Potatoes, Apples, Butter and Eggs. Hay bought in carload lots. Address

W. E. BARNES, JR.,  
1832 Broad St., Providence, R. I.